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TAGS: PFOR NASA MA US

SUBJEC: NASA STATION CLOSURE: ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

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1. IN CONSIDERING WHAT PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA MIGHT DO AT THIS

POINT AND US RESPONSE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO HAVE TOP-OF-THE-  
EAD REVIEW WHAT HE HAS DONE OR PROBABLY SUPPORTED IN PAST:

A. CLOSED MALAGASY IORTS TO USN AND ALL OTHER NAVAL  
SHIP  
VISITS.

B. EXPELLED ISRAELI AMBASSADOR ON 14 DAYS NOTICE AND PERMITTED  
PETTY HARASSMENT.

C. EXPELLED US DEFENSE ATTACHE PLANE.

D. ATTACKED US DIRECTLY IN UNGA.

E. BARRED SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BY FOREIGNERS.

F. EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE PRIVATELY OVER US MARINE SECURITY  
GUARD DETACHMENT'S PRESENCE AT EMBASSY.

G. PROVIDED 200 TROOPS TO "PROTECT" NASA AND ZERO PROTECTION  
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FOR EMBASS.

H. RECENTLY SAID THAT SOME INSURANCE COMPANIES WHICH WERE  
RECENTLY NATIONALIZED "DID NOT  
DESERVE COMPENSATION."

I. REJECTION  
OF US PL-480 TITLE ONE ASSISTANCE.

2. IN ADDITION, CANARD THAT EMBASSY LINKED TO ASSASSINATION  
OF PRESIDENT RATSIMANDRAVA CONTINUES TO CIRCULATE. THERE  
ARE MANY OTHER NASTY RUMORS -- "EMBASSY RUMOR CONTROL" IS FULLY  
OCCUPIED.

3. BASIS OF FONMIN CONCERN  
NOTED REFTEL IN MY VIEW IS THAT  
HE DOUBTS  
RATSIRAKA'S REACTION  
WILL BE TEMPERATE AND THAT  
RATSIRAKA WILL NOT PERMIT US TO REENTER STATION OR RECOVER NASA  
EQUIPMENT. RATSIRAKA'S TRACK RECORD AS PARTIALLY RECORDED  
ABOVE DOES NOT GIVE ME MUCH CONFIDENCE EITHER.

4. WHILE I AM NOT SUGGESTING THAT IF RATSIRAKA'S REACTION  
IS PETULANT OURS SHOULD BE ALSO, IT IS CLEAR THAT US INTERESTS  
IN MADAGASCAR AVE DECLINED SHARPLY OVER PAST TWO YEARS. TO  
PARA ONE ABOVE WE CAN ADD THE RECENT DEPARTURE OF CHEVRON AND  
PARKER DRILLING COMPANY AFTER THREE YEARS OF FRUITLESS OIL  
EXPLORATION AND THE PROBABLE DEPARTURE OF THE LEADING  
FRENCH-AMERICAN IMPORTER OF US EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AFTER  
THEY GET THEIR MONEY OUT. IN ADDITION, DESPITE FAVORABLE  
OFFERS, THERE HAS BEEN NO NEW PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN MADAGASCAR  
FOR PAST THREE YEARS.

5. AMERICAN MISSIONARY COMMUNITY HERE IS ALSO CONCERNED BY  
DEVELOPMENTS ESPECIALLY SINCE PRESS HEADLINES SAID "AMERICANS  
GIVEN UNTIL MONDAY." LEADING AMERICAN MISSIONARY HERE HAS  
APPOINTMENT WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR THIS AFTERNOON ON OTHER  
SUBJECT, BUT MAY GET READING ON FUTURE OF AMERICAN MISSION-

ARIES.  
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